

PRIORITY

Applicants appreciate examiner's acknowledgement of applicant's claim for foreign priority based on an application filed in Sweden on 12/11/2001. A certified copy of the Swedish application will be provided as required by 35 U.S.C. §119(b).

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [0042] of the specification with the following replacement paragraph:

[0042]

The annular member 20 therefore has a number of functions such as: it functions as a holder for the planetary gear transmission 6, that is to say it is connected firmly to the axle case 3, it functions as a brake housing and pressure surface for the braking device 16, and it functions as a bearing unit 21 for mounting the ~~wheel hub annular part~~ 13. The bearing arrangement 21 between the ~~hub annular part~~ 13 and the ring gear 9 comprises a row of a number of balls arranged along a circular track between races designed in the ~~hub annular part~~ 13 and the ring gear 9. Such a bearing arrangement is often referred to as a four-point bearing owing to the fact that four surfaces are ground for contact with the balls. In order to form the bearing arrangement, a number of balls are therefore mounted in between the ring gear 9 and the ~~hub annular part~~ 13. In other words, there is no conventional ball bearing between the parts. Race means that a surface area is designed for receiving the balls. This surface area usually has a curved or angled shape.